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**Alleged Gang Member Charged with
Brandishing Replica Gun at Police**

A South Los Angeles man was charged today with brandishing a replica gun at a police officer in an incident that led to an officer-involved shooting, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Judier Anthony Ruiz (dob 1/8/97) faces two felony counts of brandishing a replica gun in case BA455328.

The criminal complaint includes the allegation that the crimes were committed in association with the Playboys criminal street gang.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Ruiz is accused of brandishing what appeared to be a gun at a motorist near Avalon Boulevard and 49th Street on March 9, prosecutors said. The victim informed Los Angeles police officers who reportedly chased the defendant, prosecutors added.

The defendant then allegedly pulled out what turned out to be a replica gun and pointed it at an officer, causing an officer-involved shooting, prosecutors said. Ruiz was not injured.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison. The requested bail is \$80,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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